

**United States District Court  
Northern District of Illinois – CM/ECF LIVE, Ver 6.2.2 (Chicago)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:17-cv-02494**

Stevens v. United States Department of State  
Assigned to: Honorable John Z. Lee  
Cause: 05:552 Right to Privacy Act

Date Filed: 03/31/2017  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
03/31/2017	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT filed by Jacqueline Stevens. (ph, ) (Entered: 03/31/2017)
03/31/2017	<u>2</u>	CIVIL Cover Sheet. (ph, ) (Entered: 03/31/2017)
03/31/2017	<u>3</u>	PRO SE Appearance by Plaintiff Jacqueline Stevens. (ph, ) (Entered: 03/31/2017)
03/31/2017	<u>5</u>	SUMMONS Issued as to Defendant United States Department of State; U.S. Attorney General; U.S. Attorney. (ph, ) (Entered: 04/04/2017)
04/13/2017		ALIAS Summons Issued as to Defendant United States Department of State. (ags, ) (Entered: 04/13/2017)

04/13/2017	<u>6</u>	DESIGNATION of Alex Harms Hartzler as U.S. Attorney for Defendant United States Department of State (Hartzler, Alex) (Entered: 04/13/2017)
04/19/2017		ALIAS Summons Issued as to Defendant United States Department of State, U.S. Attorney, and U.S. Attorney General (jn, ) (Entered: 04/19/2017)
04/25/2017	<u>7</u>	MOTION by Defendant United States Department of State for extension of time to file answer ( <i>Unopposed</i> ) (Hartzler, Alex) (Entered: 04/25/2017)
04/25/2017	<u>8</u>	NOTICE of Motion by Alex Harms Hartzler for presentment of motion for extension of time to file answer <u>7</u> before Honorable John Z. Lee on 5/2/2017 at 09:00 AM. (Hartzler, Alex) (Entered: 04/25/2017)
04/26/2017	<u>9</u>	MINUTE entry before the Honorable John Z. Lee:Unopposed motion for extension of time to respond to the complaint until 5/10/17 <u>7</u> is granted. Initial status hearing set for 5/24/17 at 9:00 a.m. The parties are directed to file an initial status report as set forth in the Judge's standing order four business days prior to the status hearing. No appearance is required on the motion.Mailed notice (ca, ) (Entered: 04/26/2017)
05/04/2017	<u>10</u>	RETURN of Service of summons returned executed on 4/24/2017 as to U.S. Attorney, and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # <u>1</u> U.S. Attorney) (kp, ) (Entered: 05/08/2017)
05/04/2017	<u>11</u>	SUMMONS Returned Executed by Jacqueline Stevens as to United States Department of State served on 4/25/2017, answer due 6/26/2017. (kp, ) (Entered: 05/08/2017)
05/10/2017	<u>12</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by United States Department of State(Hartzler, Alex) (Entered: 05/10/2017)
05/18/2017	<u>13</u>	STATUS Report <i>Joint Initial Status Report</i> by United States Department of State (Hartzler, Alex) (Entered: 05/18/2017)
05/24/2017	<u>14</u>	MINUTE entry before the Honorable John Z. Lee:Status hearing held on 5/24/17. Plaintiff reports that the responses to the FOIA request are ongoing. Defense counsel reports that the documents will be produced on a rolling basis. All further deadlines in this case are stayed until 7/26/17. Status hearing set for 7/26/17 at 9:00 a.m.Mailed notice (ca, ) (Entered: 05/25/2017)
07/26/2017	<u>15</u>	MINUTE entry before the Honorable John Z. Lee: Status hearing held on 7/26/17. The defendant is continuing to provide documents to Plaintiff in response to her FOIA request. At the next status the government should report the timeframe for the production of the remaining documents. Status hearing set for 9/14/17 at 9:00 a.m. Mailed notice (ca, ) (Entered: 07/26/2017)
08/22/2017	<u>16</u>	MINUTE entry before the Honorable John Z. Lee: The status hearing set for 9/14/17 is reset to 9/20/17 at 9:15 a.m. Mailed notice (ca, ) (Entered: 08/22/2017)
09/08/2017	<u>17</u>	MINUTE entry before the Honorable John Z. Lee:By agreement of the parties, the status hearing set for 9/20/17 is reset to 10/3/17 at 9:00 a.m.Mailed notice (ca, ) (Entered: 09/08/2017)
09/29/2017	<u>18</u>	STATUS Report by United States Department of State (Hartzler, Alex) (Entered: 09/29/2017)
10/03/2017	<u>19</u>	MINUTE entry before the Honorable John Z. Lee:Status hearing held on 10/3/17. For the reasons stated, the Court exercises its discretion and sets a schedule for this case to proceed. Both parties state that no discovery is necessary for this case. Plaintiff's motion for summary judgment shall be due by 1/12/18. A status hearing is set for 1/24/18 at 9:00 a.m. Mailed notice (ca, ) (Entered: 10/03/2017)
10/03/2017	<u>20</u>	STATUS Report by Jacqueline Stevens. (pk, ) (Entered: 10/04/2017)
10/05/2017	<u>21</u>	MINUTE entry before the Honorable John Z. Lee: The status hearing set for 1/24/18 is reset to 1/30/18 at 9:00 a.m.Mailed notice (ca, ) (Entered: 10/05/2017)
12/12/2017	<u>22</u>	MOTION by Defendant United States Department of State to Amend Case Schedule (Unopposed) (Hartzler, Alex) (Entered: 12/12/2017)
12/12/2017	<u>23</u>	NOTICE of Motion by Alex Harms Hartzler for presentment of motion for miscellaneous relief <u>22</u> before Honorable John Z. Lee on 12/19/2017 at 09:00 AM.

		(Hartzler, Alex) (Entered: 12/12/2017)
12/18/2017	<u>24</u>	MINUTE entry before the Honorable John Z. Lee: Unopposed motion to amend the case schedule <u>22</u> is granted. Plaintiff's motion for summary judgment deadline is stricken. The status hearing set for 1/30/18 is reset to 2/27/18 at 9:00 a.m. No appearance is required on the motion.Mailed notice (ca, ) (Entered: 12/18/2017)
02/27/2018	<u>25</u>	MINUTE entry before the Honorable John Z. Lee: Status hearing held on 2/27/18. The government's motion for summary judgment shall be due by 5/10/18; response due by 6/7/18; reply due by 6/28/18; ruling will be by mail. Mailed notice (ca, ) (Entered: 02/28/2018)
05/08/2018	<u>26</u>	ATTORNEY Appearance for Plaintiff Jacqueline Stevens by Robert Andrew Free (Free, Robert) (Entered: 05/08/2018)
05/08/2018	<u>27</u>	MOTION by Defendant United States Department of State to Amend Briefing Schedule (Joint Motion) (Hartzler, Alex) Modified on 5/9/2018 (ek, ). (Entered: 05/08/2018)
05/08/2018	<u>28</u>	NOTICE of Motion by Alex Harms Hartzler for presentment of motion for miscellaneous relief <u>27</u> before Honorable John Z. Lee on 5/15/2018 at 09:00 AM. (Hartzler, Alex) (Entered: 05/08/2018)
05/09/2018	<u>29</u>	MINUTE entry before the Honorable John Z. Lee:Joint motion to amend the briefing schedule <u>27</u> is granted. The government's motion for summary judgment shall be due by 5/17/18; cross motion and response are due by 6/14/18; reply in support and response are due by 7/12/18; Stevens reply in support shall be due by 8/2/18. No appearance is required on the motion.Mailed notice (ca, ) (Entered: 05/09/2018)
05/17/2018	<u>30</u>	MOTION by Defendant United States Department of State to Further Amend Briefing Schedule (Joint Motion) (Hartzler, Alex) (Entered: 05/17/2018)
05/17/2018	<u>31</u>	NOTICE of Motion by Alex Harms Hartzler for presentment of motion for miscellaneous relief <u>30</u> before Honorable John Z. Lee on 5/24/2018 at 09:00 AM. (Hartzler, Alex) (Entered: 05/17/2018)
05/18/2018	<u>32</u>	MINUTE entry before the Honorable John Z. Lee:Joint motion to further amend briefing schedule <u>30</u> is granted. The government's motion for summary judgment shall be due by 5/25/18; cross motion and response are due by 6/22/18; reply in support and response are due by 7/20/18; Stevens reply in support shall be due by 8/10/18. No appearance is required on the motion. Mailed notice (ca, ) (Entered: 05/18/2018)
05/25/2018	<u>33</u>	MOTION by Defendant United States Department of State for summary judgment (Hartzler, Alex) (Entered: 05/25/2018)
05/25/2018	<u>34</u>	MEMORANDUM by United States Department of State in support of motion for summary judgment <u>33</u> (Hartzler, Alex) (Entered: 05/25/2018)
05/25/2018	<u>35</u>	RULE 56 (Local Rule 56.1) Statement by United States Department of State regarding motion for summary judgment <u>33</u> (Hartzler, Alex) (Entered: 05/25/2018)
06/22/2018	<u>36</u>	MOTION by Plaintiff Jacqueline Stevens for extension of time ( <i>unopposed, mutual 3-day briefing extension</i> ) (Free, Robert) (Entered: 06/22/2018)
06/25/2018	<u>37</u>	MINUTE entry before the Honorable John Z. Lee:Plaintiff's unopposed motion for mutual three day briefing extension <u>36</u> is granted; cross motion and response are due by 6/25/18; reply in support and response are due by 7/23/18; Stevens reply in support shall be due by 8/13/18.No appearance is required on the motion.Mailed notice (ca, ) (Entered: 06/25/2018)
06/25/2018	<u>38</u>	MOTION by Plaintiff Jacqueline Stevens for extension of time to file response/reply as to motion for summary judgment <u>33</u> (Free, Robert) (Entered: 06/25/2018)
06/26/2018	<u>39</u>	MINUTE entry before the Honorable John Z. Lee:Plaintiff's motion for mutual briefing extension <u>38</u> is granted; cross motion and response are due by 6/29/18; reply in support and response are due by 7/27/18; Stevens reply in support shall be due by 8/17/18.Mailed notice (ca, ) (Entered: 06/26/2018)

07/27/2018	<u>40</u>	REPLY by Defendant United States Department of State to motion for summary judgment <u>33</u> ( <i>Defendant's Reply in Support of Motion for Summary Judgment</i> ) (Hartzler, Alex) (Entered: 07/27/2018)
09/04/2018	<u>41</u>	MOTION by Attorney R. ANDREW FREE to withdraw as attorney for Jacqueline Stevens. New address information: Jacqueline Stevens, 601 University Place, Second Fl, Evanston, IL 60208 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notification of Party Contact Information, # <u>2</u> Affidavit Declaration of Plaintiff Stevens, # <u>3</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Free, Robert) (Entered: 09/04/2018)
09/04/2018	<u>42</u>	NOTICE of Motion by Robert Andrew Free for presentment of motion to withdraw as attorney, <u>41</u> before Honorable John Z. Lee on 9/20/2018 at 09:00 AM. (Free, Robert) (Entered: 09/04/2018)
09/20/2018	<u>43</u>	MINUTE entry before the Honorable John Z. Lee: By agreement of the parties, the motion hearing <u>41</u> set for 9/20/18 is reset to 9/26/18 at 9:00 a.m.Mailed notice (ca, ) (Entered: 09/20/2018)
09/26/2018	<u>44</u>	MINUTE entry before the Honorable John Z. Lee: Motion hearing held on 9/26/18. Plaintiff's motion for leave to withdraw as counsel <u>41</u> is granted. Robert Andrew Free is granted leave to withdraw as counsel. Plaintiff's response to Defendant's motion for summary judgment <u>33</u> is now due by 11/7/18; reply due by 12/14/18; this is the final extension. Mailed notice (ca, ) (Entered: 09/26/2018)
10/17/2018	<u>45</u>	MINUTE entry before the Honorable John Z. Lee: In light of Plaintiff's counsel's withdrawal on 9/26/18, Defendant is directed to serve Plaintiff with Local Rule 56.2 Notice to Pro Se Litigants Opposing Summary Judgment. Service must be completed within three days. Mailed notice (ca, ) (Entered: 10/17/2018)
10/19/2018	<u>46</u>	Notice to Pro Se Litigant Opposing Motion for Summary Judgment by United States Department of State (Hartzler, Alex) (Entered: 10/19/2018)
11/06/2018	<u>47</u>	RESPONSE by Plaintiff Jacqueline Stevens to Defendant United States Department of State Statement of material facts not in dispute and Statement of facts that are in dispute <u>35</u> . (smm) (Entered: 11/07/2018)
11/06/2018	<u>48</u>	MEMORANDUM of Law by Jacqueline Stevens in Opposition to the State Department's motion for summary judgment <u>33</u> . (smm) (Entered: 11/07/2018)
12/13/2018	<u>49</u>	MOTION by Defendant United States Department of State to continue <i>reply brief deadline</i> (Hartzler, Alex) (Entered: 12/13/2018)
12/13/2018	<u>50</u>	NOTICE of Motion by Alex Harms Hartzler for presentment of motion to continue <u>49</u> before Honorable John Z. Lee on 12/20/2018 at 09:00 AM. (Hartzler, Alex) (Entered: 12/13/2018)
12/20/2018	<u>51</u>	MINUTE entry before the Honorable John Z. Lee: Motion hearing held on 12/20/18. Motion to continue and stay the reply brief deadline <u>49</u> is granted in part and denied in part. Defendant's motion for summary judgment <u>33</u> is stricken without prejudice. The government should provide the Plaintiff with a letter detailing the extent of its search by 1/31/19. Status hearing set for 3/6/19 at 9:00 a.m. Mailed notice (ca, ) (Entered: 12/20/2018)
12/26/2018	<u>52</u>	GENERAL ORDER 18-0028 dated 12/26/18: IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, effective December 26, 2018, that all civil litigation involving as a party the United States of America, is immediately suspended, postponed and held in abeyance continuing for a period of fourteen (14) days from the date of entry of this General Order (For Further Details See Attached Order). Signed by the Honorable Ruben Castillo on 12/26/2018: Mailed notice. (sm, ) (Entered: 12/30/2018)
01/08/2019	<u>53</u>	AMENDED GENERAL ORDER 18-0028 dated 01/08/2019: On December 26, 2018, General Order 18-0028 was entered. It appearing that the lapse of congressional appropriations funding the federal government continues, therefore General Order 18-0028 is now amended. (For Further Details See Attached Order). Signed by the Honorable Ruben Castillo on 1/8/2019: Mailed notice. (sm, ) (Entered: 01/08/2019)
01/28/2019	<u>54</u>	GENERAL ORDER 19-0004: RESETTING OF DEADLINES IN CIVIL MATTERS INVOLVING THE UNITED STATES AS A PARTY. IT APPEARING THAT as a result of the partial federal government shutdown, this Court amended General Order

		18-0028 suspending as of December 21, 2018, all civil litigation in which the United States of America, its agencies, its officers, or employees were parties, with the stated intention of clarifying schedules in such cases upon the expiration of the lapse in appropriations; and IT FURTHER APPEARING THAT appropriations having been restored to fund the Department of Justice and other Executive Branch agencies, with employees beginning to report for work beginning on January 28, 2019; accordingly IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the stay entered by General Order 18-0028 is hereby lifted, and any and all deadlines in the affected civil litigation (whether established by order, rule, or agreement.), including but not limited to any scheduled discovery and pleading dates, are extended by 42 days. (For Further Details See Attached Order). Signed by the Honorable Ruben Castillo on 1/28/2019: Mailed notice. (mgw, ) (Entered: 01/28/2019)
03/04/2019	<u>55</u>	MINUTE entry before the Honorable John Z. Lee: By agreement of the parties, the status hearing set for 3/6/19 is reset to 3/12/19 at 9:00 a.m.Mailed notice (ca, ) (Entered: 03/04/2019)
03/12/2019	<u>56</u>	MINUTE entry before the Honorable John Z. Lee:Status hearing held on 3/12/19. The government reports that they anticipate producing the remaining documents by 4/5/19. The government's motion for summary judgment shall be due by 5/3/19; response due by 6/7/19; reply due by 6/28/19; ruling will be by mail. Mailed notice (ca, ) (Entered: 03/12/2019)
05/03/2019	<u>57</u>	MOTION by Defendant United States Department of State for summary judgment (Hartzler, Alex) (Entered: 05/03/2019)
05/03/2019	<u>58</u>	MEMORANDUM by United States Department of State in support of motion for summary judgment <u>57</u> (Hartzler, Alex) (Entered: 05/03/2019)
05/03/2019	<u>59</u>	RULE 56 56.1 Statement by United States Department of State regarding motion for summary judgment <u>57</u> (Hartzler, Alex) (Entered: 05/03/2019)
05/03/2019	<u>60</u>	RULE 56 56.2 Statement by United States Department of State regarding motion for summary judgment <u>57</u> ( <i>Notice to Pro Se Litigant Opposing Motion for Summary Judgment</i> ) (Hartzler, Alex) (Entered: 05/03/2019)
05/09/2019	<u>61</u>	<p>TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS held on 12/20/2018 before the Honorable John Z. Lee. Court Reporter Contact Information: Rosemary Scarpelli, Rosemary_Scarpelli@ilnd.uscourts.gov, (312)435-5885, on behalf of Alexandra Roth.</p> <p>IMPORTANT: The transcript may be viewed at the court's public terminal or purchased through the Court Reporter/Transcriber before the deadline for Release of Transcript Restriction. After that date it may be obtained through the Court Reporter/Transcriber or PACER. For further information on the redaction process, see the Court's web site at <a href="http://www.ilnd.uscourts.gov">www.ilnd.uscourts.gov</a> under Quick Links select Policy Regarding the Availability of Transcripts of Court Proceedings.</p> <p>Redaction Request due 5/30/2019. Redacted Transcript Deadline set for 6/10/2019. Release of Transcript Restriction set for 8/7/2019. (Scarpelli, Rosemary) (Entered: 05/09/2019)</p>